

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** 

Proposed Donation of Office Equipment to the Chamber of Commerce

**MEETING DATE:** 

February 18, 1998

SUBMITTED BY:

Deputy City Manager

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** 

That Council approves the donation of various office equipment to the Greater

Lodi District Chamber of Commerce

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** 

The City of Lodi has received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce (see attached letter) requesting that the City donate office equipment, previously purchased for the now defunct Lodi Conference and Visitors Bureau, to the

Chamber. The estimated value of the equipment is \$4,750 and as referenced in the letter, is a few years old. If Council will recall, the City donated \$60,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second year to the LCVB to be used as seed money for establishing the Bureau. Simultaneously, the City decreased its contribution to the Chamber of Commerce from \$25,000 to \$15,000 the first year and from \$15,000 to \$10,000 the second year. The Chamber has felt the impacts of these reductions over the past two years and is anxious to realize any business efficiencies possible as might be afforded by the equipment acquisition.

**FUNDING:** 

None

Respectfully,

Janet S. Keeter

Deputy City Manager

Stan Helmle, Information Systems Manager City of Lodi

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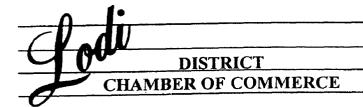
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CC.

Les Dabritz, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce

APPROVED:

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager



February 4, 1998

Dixon Flynn, City Manager City of Lodi P.O. Box 3006 Lodi, CA 95241

Dear Dixon:

On behalf of the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce, I am requesting that the City of Lodi donate to the Chamber the office furniture and equipment acquired by the Lodi Conference & Visitors Bureau.

Our request would include a desk, two computers, two printers, two monitors, two keyboards, existing software, one scanner, and other misc. items, all of which are almost three years old.

If you approve our request, this would allow the Chamber to upgrade at least two of our five antiquated computer stations. Other furniture and misc. items would be used by our Chamber staff.

Should our request be granted, it would certainly help us financially and it would greatly enhance the efficiently of the organization.

Hopefully, you will look favorably upon this request.

Cordially,

Les Dabritz
Executive Director

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cc: Cathy Newhall / Tony Trassare

